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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
241 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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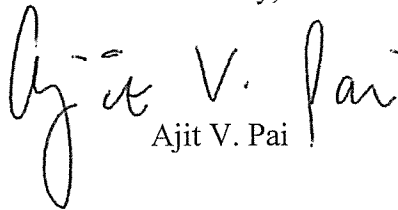
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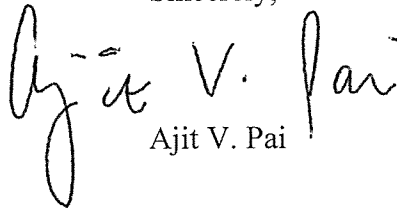
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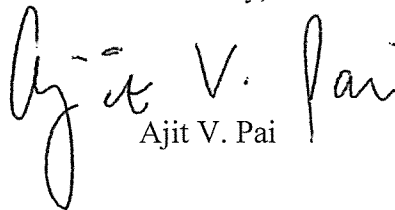
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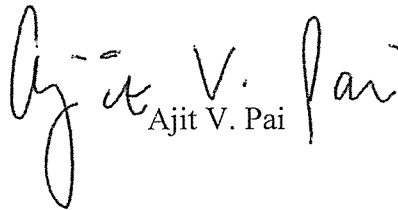
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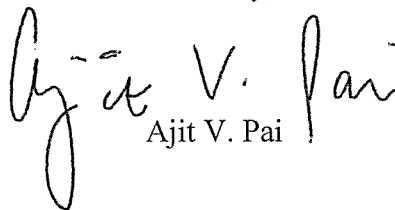
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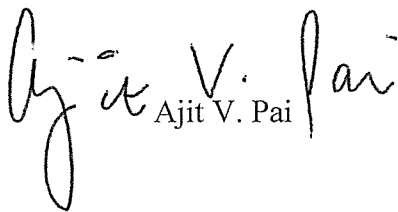
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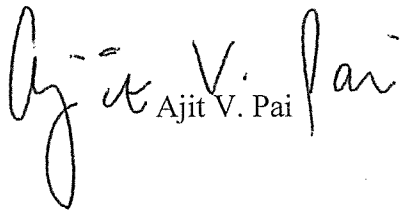
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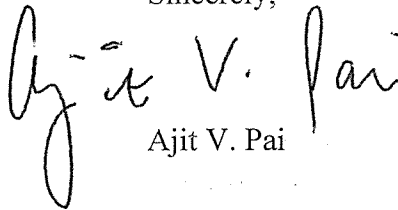
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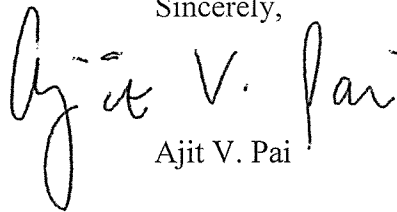
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July 23, 2018

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2134 Rayburn House Office Building
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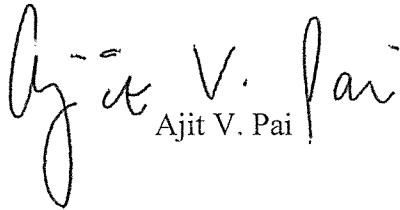
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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
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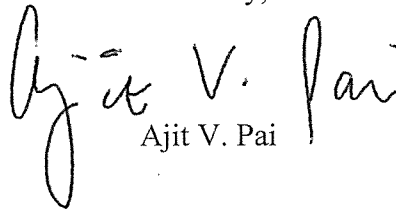
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1510 Longworth House Office Building
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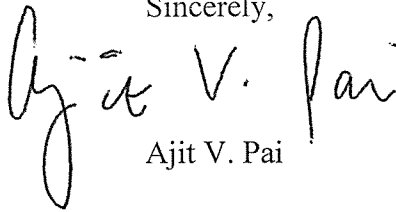
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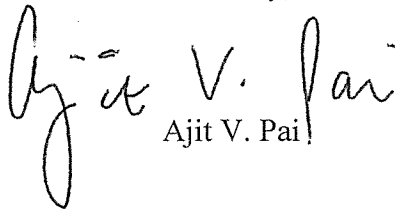
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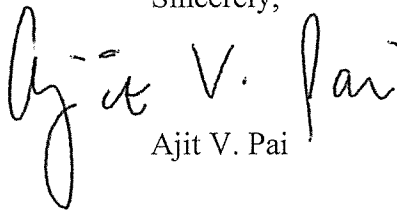
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